



OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES, PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service Stands Ready to Serve You and Your Community

Thank you for considering partnering with the Food and Nutrition Service! We appreciate your support in ensuring that people in need have access to healthy food and nutrition education.

Your Support as a FNS partner is very important.

1. Many people in your area are eligible for our programs and you reach them in a comfortable and trusted way. By connecting them with our programs, you help us cast a wider net than we could through our own outreach.
2. You know your community. By partnering with local leaders, we ensure that we communicate with diverse communities in the most appropriate manner.
3. A partnership with FNS ensures that you will have the most up-to-date information about nutrition assistance programs and connects you with opportunities to receive information on grant opportunities and newsletters, participate in meetings, and join in on webinars.
4. FNS can help you take advantage of opportunities to be reimbursed with Federal funds for a number of activities that may already be taking place in your community; including providing meals and conducting outreach.

Here are some of the ways we can work together:

Receive content to distribute to your contacts...

FNS can provide you with a variety of information that can be used to develop messages for delivery via letters to the editor, listservs, news articles, newsletters, potential partners, press releases, public service announcements, radio and television ads, training materials, and much more.

Operate FNS programs in your area...

Receive technical assistance and best practices information pertaining to application assistance, benefits prescreening, co-locating with other partners, referrals, Federal reimbursement, sponsoring SFSP sites, etc.

Host FNS staff at your next conference, meeting, or event...

Agency representatives can conduct program/outreach training, exhibit at booths, participate in workshops, and serve as keynote speakers.

Conduct outreach in your area...

Receive information on how to conduct and evaluate effective outreach activities, cross-promote programs, educate the public on the benefits of program participation through the use of free materials and videos, and provide nutrition education training.

Food and Nutrition Service Programs

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Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Provides nutritious meals and snacks to participants in day care facilities, such as child care centers, day care homes, and adult day care centers.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

Provides food and administrative funds to States to improve the diets of low-income pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women; their infants and children up to 6 years of age; and persons 60 years of age and older.

Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)

Provides WIC participants with coupons to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs at farmers' markets, or roadside stands that have been approved by a State agency to accept FMNP coupons.

Food Assistance for Disaster Relief (FADR)

Provides food assistance to those in need in areas affected by a disaster. This Federal assistance is in addition to that provided by State and local governments.

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

Provides monthly food packages to low-income households living on or near Indian reservations.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

Provides school children with a variety of produce that they otherwise might not have the opportunity to sample.

National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

Provides nutritionally balanced lunches to children each school day in over 101,000 public and nonprofit private schools and residential childcare institutions.

School Breakfast Program (SBP)

Provides nutritionally balanced breakfasts in schools and residential childcare institutions.

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

Provides low-income seniors with coupons that can be used to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, and honey from farmers at authorized farmers' markets or roadside stands, or with shares in Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs for regularly distributed bags or boxes of eligible foods.

Special Milk Program (SMP)

Provides milk to children in schools, childcare institutions and eligible camps that do not participate in other federal child nutrition meal service programs.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Provides nutritious foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and health and social services referrals to low-income pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women; and infants and children up to the age of 5 years.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

Provides nutritious meals and snacks to children in low-income areas during the summer months and long vacation periods for schools on year-round schedules.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP—Formerly the Food Stamp Program)

Provides low-income people benefits to purchase food from one of nearly 200,000 authorized retailers and farmers markets nationwide.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

Supplies food to the States, which distribute it to local agencies such as food banks, pantries and soup kitchens that then provide the food to the public for household consumption or through congregate feeding sites.